

## CHRISTMAS I.Q. TEST

- Joseph was *originally* from... (Luke 2:3)
  - Bethlehem
  - Nazareth
  - Hebron
  - Jerusalem
  - None of the above
- What does the Bible say that the Innkeeper said to Mary and Joseph? (Luke 2:7)
  - "There is no room in the inn."
  - "I have a stable you can use."
  - "Come back later and I should have some vacancies."
  - Both A and B
  - None of the above
- A manger is a...
  - Stable for domestic animals
  - Wooden hay storage bin
  - Feeding trough
  - Barn
- Which animals does the Bible say were present at Jesus' birth?
  - Cows, sheep, goats
  - Cows, Donkeys, goats
  - Sheep and goats only
  - Miscellaneous barnyard animals
  - None of the above
- Who saw the star in the east?
  - Shepherds
  - Mary and Joseph
  - Three Kings
  - Both A and C
  - None of the above
- According to the Bible, how did Mary and Joseph get to Bethlehem?
  - Camel
  - Donkey
  - Walked
  - Joseph walked, Mary rode a donkey
  - Horse-drawn chariot
  - The Bible doesn't say
- How many angels spoke to the shepherds? (Luke 2:10)
  - One
  - Three
  - Multitude
  - None of the above
- What did the angels say/sing? (Luke 2:14)
  - "Glory to God in the highest, etc."
  - "Alleluia"
  - "Unto us a child is born, Unto us a son is given"
  - "Joy the world, the Lord is come"
- What is a heavenly host?
  - The angel at the gate of heaven
  - The angel who serves refreshments in heaven
  - An angel choir
  - An angel army
  - None of the above
- What is Frankincense?
  - A precious metal
  - A precious fabric
  - A precious perfume
  - None of the above
- In Matthew, what does "wise men" or "Magi" refer to?
  - Men of the educated class
  - Eastern Kings
  - Astronomers
  - Sages
- What is Myrrh?
  - Middle Eastern Money
  - A drink
  - The sound a happy cat makes
  - A spice used for burying people
  - None of the above
- How many wise men does the Bible say came to see Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_
- Where did the "magi" find Jesus? (Matthew 2:11)
  - In a manger
  - In a stable
  - In Nazareth
  - In Egypt
  - In a house
  - None of the above
- When the "magi" found Jesus he was... (Matthew 2:11)
  - A babe wrapped in swaddling clothes
  - A young child
  - A boy in the temple
  - A grown man

16. The “star in the east” that the wise men followed... (Matthew 2:9)
- A. Stayed in the same place their entire journey
  - B. Disappeared and reappeared
  - C. Moved ahead of them and stopped over the place where Jesus was
  - D. Was just a mirage
  - E. None of the above
17. The “magi” stopped in Jerusalem... (Matthew 2:2)
- A. To inform Herod about Jesus
  - B. To find out where Jesus was
  - C. To ask about the star
  - D. To buy presents
  - E. None of the above
18. Where do we find the Christmas story?
- A. Matthew
  - B. Mark
  - C. Luke
  - D. John
  - E. All of the above
  - F. Only A and B
  - G. Only A and C
  - H. Only A, B, and C
19. When Joseph found Mary was pregnant, what happened?
- A. They got married
  - B. Joseph wanted to break the engagement
  - C. Mary left town for three months
  - D. A and B
  - E. B and C
20. Who told (made) Mary and Joseph go to Bethlehem? (Luke 2:1-5)
- A. The angel chorus
  - B. Mary's mother
  - C. Herod
  - D. The shepherds
  - E. Caesar Augustus

**THE ANSWERS: (read the scriptures beside the questions first)**

1. A. He worked and currently lived in Nazareth, but he was returning to Bethlehem - "his own city" (See Luke 2:3).
2. E. In the Bible, the innkeeper didn't "say" anything (See Luke 2:7)
3. C. Feeding trough (See Bonus Question 4)
4. E. The Bible doesn't say, we just "assume" that since Jesus was born in a stable that there were various barnyard animals present. However, since the shepherds were keeping watch over their flocks that night, other animals could have been out of the stable as well.
5. E. This is a "trick" question. The "magi" saw the star. However, the Bible doesn't say how many there were and they were not kings, but astronomers or "star gazers" (see answer 15).
6. F. Although the modern "pictures" in a Bible show Mary on a donkey with Joseph beside her, the Bible doesn't say!
7. A. Luke 2:10 "The angel of the Lord said unto them..."
8. A. Luke 2:14
9. D. The word means "army" - literally thousands. Now, since there was a "multitude" of the heavenly army" (hosts), there could easily have been from 10,000 - 100,000 angels there that night! No wonder the shepherds were "sore afraid"! © 2010 David Langerfeld. All Rights Reserved. Page 6
10. C.
11. C. The word "Magi" literally means "star-gazers".
12. D. Herod was buried with over 150 lbs. of Myrrh wrapped in his burial clothes. Jesus was buried with a 75 pound mixture of myrrh and aloes. (John 19:39)
13. The Bible doesn't give the number. Many people assume that there were three because of the three gifts. However, in ancient times these men usually traveled in caravans of ten to twelve, along with a full entourage for protection.
14. E. Matthew 2:11 (see next answer)
15. B. Matthew 2:11 When the Shepherds found Jesus, he was a "babe" in a manger. The Greek word used in Luke 2 is for a "newborn baby". However, by the time the Magi appeared in Bethlehem, Jesus had been moved from the manger to a house (verse 11) and the Greek word used in Matthew is for "toddler" or "young child". He was probably somewhere between 12-24 months old.
16. C. Matthew 2:9 Most people miss this question, because there are so many pictures and dramas in which the star remains stationary over the manger.  
The star did not appear over the manger (the shepherds did not see the star over Bethlehem that night) nor did it stay stationary over the house. This verse makes it clear that the star moved "in front" of the magi and guided them till it "stood over where the young child was". They were already *in* the "east" when they saw the star "in the east". So, the star had to first move over them and then to the west toward Bethlehem before they could begin to follow the star!
17. B. Read Matthew 2:2
18. G. Isn't it amazing how God divinely inspired these two gospel writers to write His exact words, but, yet, He used their interests and professions to recall different aspects of Jesus' birth. Matthew, a tax collector, records the genealogy of Jesus (used for taxation) and the story of the "magi" - men of means from a foreign country. Luke, a physician, records the pregnancy and birth. (Luke 1 and 2)
19. E. Joseph wanted to "put her away" secretly and Mary left town to see her cousin Elizabeth. (Matthew 1:19 and Luke 1:39, 56)
20. E. "There went out a decree from Caesar Augustus... everyone into his own city... " (Luke 2:1-5)